

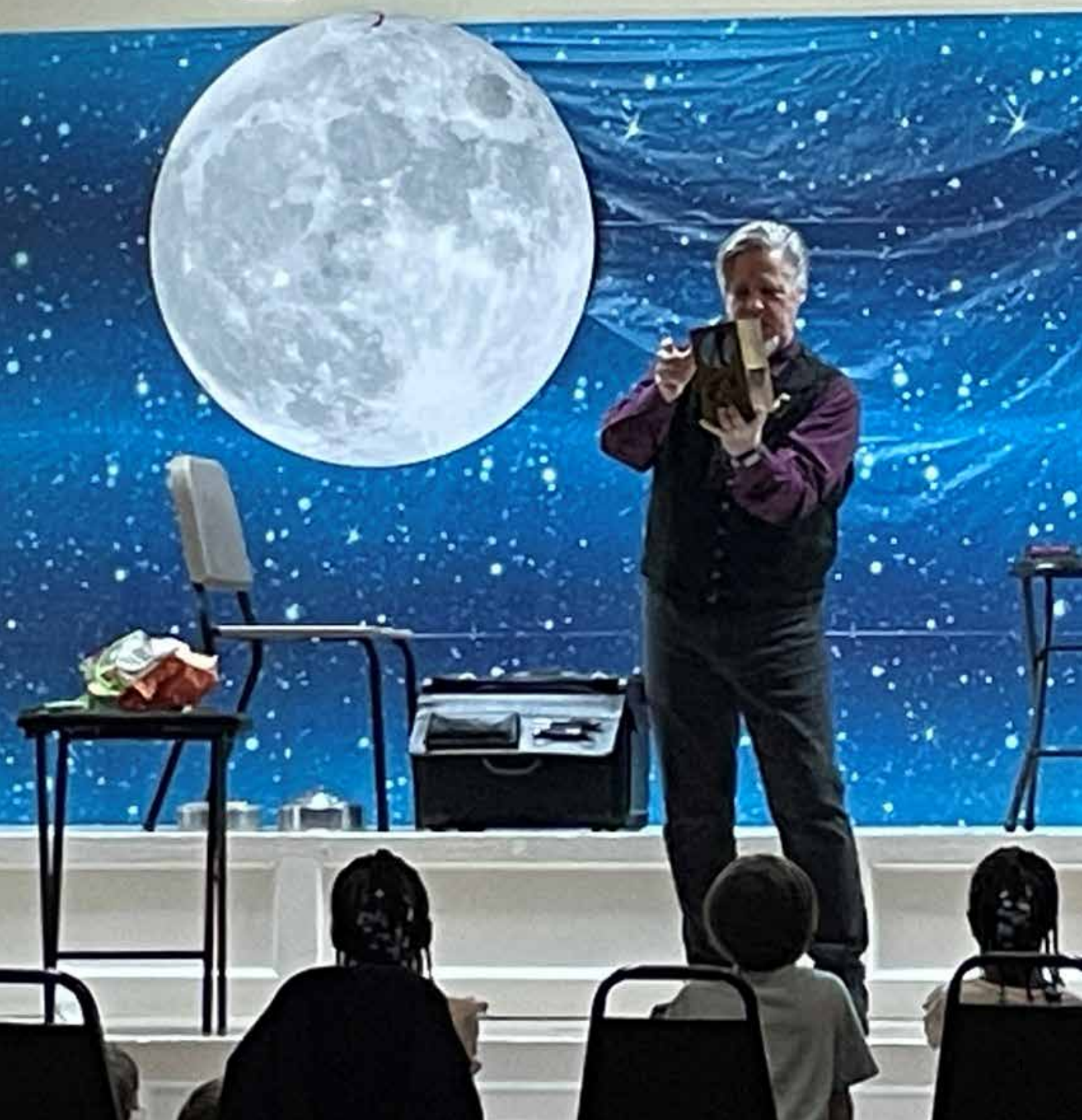


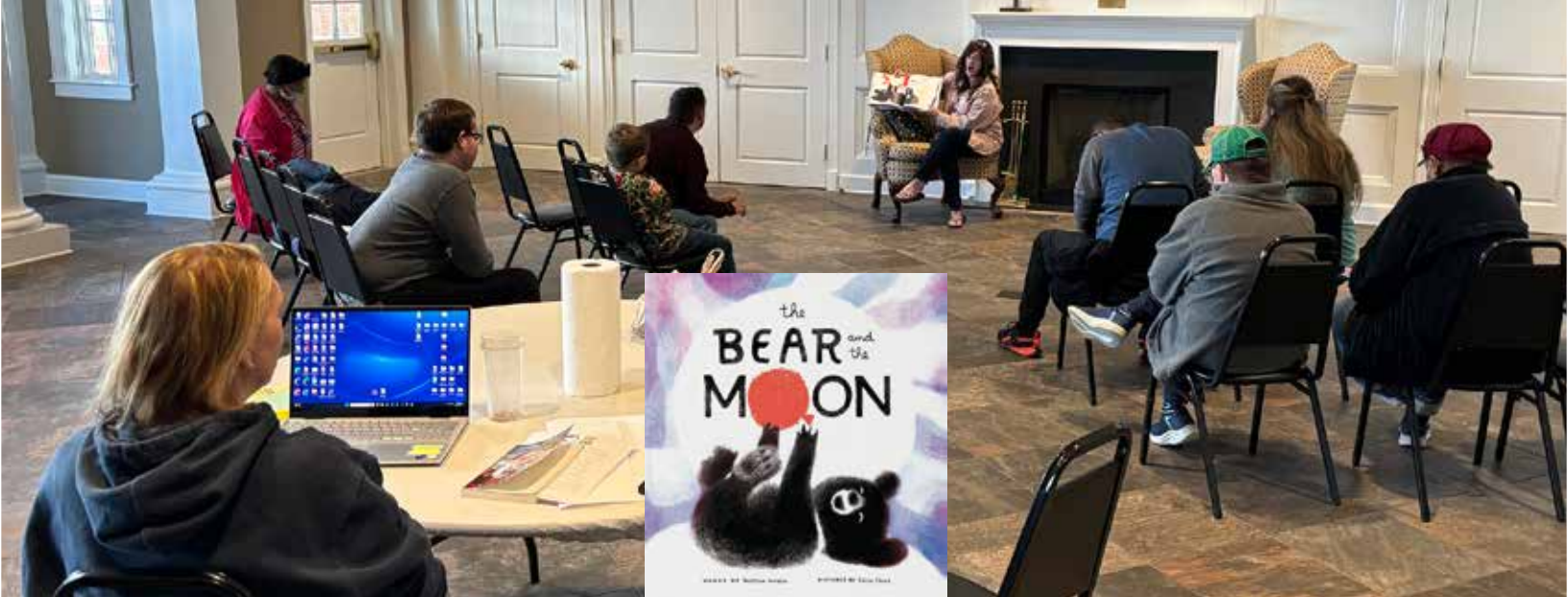
THE WINDOW

FEBRUARY 2024



GERMANTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
C·H·U·R·C·H





January 17th's lesson and craft were based on a book by Matthew Burgess, *The Bear and the Moon.*



Imagine That!

Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Warren Hall
Story-time, a related craft, movement-based
sing-alongs, and fellowship. Bring a lunch.



WORSHIPWORKS



Children's Choir (age 4-5th grade)

Join us as we begin preparing for our spring musical! "Creation Celebration" is a mini-musical, singing praise to our Creator and reminding us that we are ALL keepers of "The Garden of the Lord."

Spring Practice Schedule:

3:30 p.m., Noah's Ark Room
(in the Kids Area downstairs)

Sundays: Jan 28, Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, Mar 3, 17 & Sat, Apr 6

Performance

Sunday, April 7, at the 11:00 a.m. service

GPC will host RIT! guests,
Thursday, Feb. 8
overnight at the church.



GPC is one of 22 churches that open their doors to people and families in need during the coldest and hottest months of the year.



Friday, Feb 16, 6-9 p.m.
Infants - 5th grade



Bring your kids for a night of fun & enjoy a night out on your own!

YOUTH AUCTION

SUN, FEBRUARY 4, 6:00 P.M., AC

PW CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

TUE, FEBRUARY 6, 10:00 A.M.

UPSTAIRS CLASSROOMS

PICKLEBALL ROUND ROBIN

TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 6, 13, 20

5:30 & 7:00 P.M., ACTIVITY CENTER

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Youth will be collecting donations for the Mid-South Food Bank after each service

SUN, FEB 11, GPC

YOUTH SUPER BOWL PARTY (6th-12th)

SUN, FEB 11, 5:00 P.M., H.S. & M.S. ROOMS

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

WED, FEB 14, 6:30 P.M., SANCTUARY



VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION OPENS FOR MEMPHIS JOY PROM

TUESDAY, FEB 14

KIDS GPCONNECT (Infants-5th grade)

FRI, FEB 16, 6:00-9:00 PM., ACTIVITY CENTER

FASTFORWARD RETREAT

FEB 16-18, 6:30 P.M., FRANKLIN, TN

EVENING FELLOWSHIP DINNER

SUN, FEB 18, 6:00 P.M., WARREN HALL

PW CIRCLE GATHERING

TUE, FEB 20, 10:00 A.M., WARREN HALL

PYC YOUTH RETREAT (6th-12th)

FRI-SUN, FEB 23-25, PINECREST

PICKLEBALL: DINNER & DINKS

WED, FEB 28, 5:30-8:00 P.M.,

ACTIVITY CENTER/WARREN HALL

FASTFORWARD

FRI, MAR 1, 6:00-8:00 P.M., AC

Cover Photo: Jeff Day performs his magic in front of a full moon at the Chili Cook-Off on January 27. Photo taken by Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins.

SUPERSTART 2024 EVERYONE. EVERYTHING. EVERYWHERE. EVERYONE. EVERYTHING. EVERYWHERE.



**FAST FORWARD
RETREAT**
4th >> 8th GRADERS
FEB 16 > 18

Questions? Contact
Christopher Greco, christopherg@gpctn.org
or Blair Hayes, blairh@gpctn.org



**Scan to register
or visit gpctn.org.**

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PW BIBLE STUDY CIRCLES MEETING

Tue, Feb 6, 10 a.m.

Circle #1 - UL215
Circle #2 - UL216
Circle #3 - UL217
Night Circle - Parlor - 6:30



Our book is Horizons Bible Study
Sacred Encounters—The Power and
Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke - Acts
We will discuss Lesson 6 - A Person with
a Physical Disability Encounters Jesus.
Scripture: Acts 3: 1-10

GPC STUDENT MINISTRY RETREATS AND MISSION TRIPS

**PUERTO
RICO**
STUDENT MISSION
June 15-21
(current 9th-12th graders)

 **GULF COAST
STUDENT
MISSION**
July 7-13
(current in 6th-8th graders)

PINECREST
PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH
CONNECTION
Feb 23-25
(current 6th-12th graders)



Scan the QR code for
links to these registrations
or visit gpctn.org.


PW GATHERING

Tuesday, February 20
10 a.m., Warren Hall, (lunch will follow)


Our speakers will be:

Amber Miller
Business & Facilities Administrator

Tara Mear
Financial Secretary



SONRISE
MEN'S BREAKFAST
Fridays, 6:30 a.m., Warren Hall



Scan the QR Code & join us on Zoom.



Betty Reschenberg, Evelyn Mosley, and Patty Jackson were prepared for the cold blast that hit us before the snow.



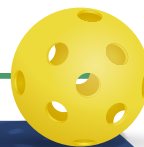
On January 28, we celebrated the baptism of Bennett Arlon Brown, Child of Shea and Johnathan Brown, at the 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship in Evans Chapel.



Round Robin Group Play

February 6, 13, & 20
Join us at 5:30 or 7:00 p.m.

Round Robin Group Play will offer a chance to play with many within our church family. No charge but limited court space.



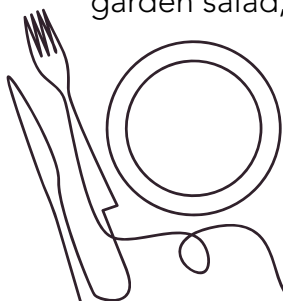
Registration:

Text Wendy Holmes
at 901-277-7136

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Join us as we gather for a meal after the 5:00 p.m. service on Sunday, February 18 at 6:00 p.m. in Warren Hall


Menu will be Bourbon Dijon glazed pork tenderloin, garlic mashed potatoes, garden salad, pecan cobbler



\$10 per person
no reservations needed



GERMANTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EVENING WORSHIP



DINNER & DINKS
WED, FEB 28
5:30-8:00 PM
GPC ACTIVITY CENTER AND WARREN HALL



Bill Skoog directed the choir during the morning services on January 28, while Jerold took some well-earned R&R. Thanks for stepping in Bill.

What do you need to get started in playing pickleball at GPC?

Please check with the GPC website and search under "News and Resources" to find the Pickleball Tab for gym hours available for times to play. Also we recommend that you contact one of the GPC Pickleball Committee members (Mike Lyle, Paula Hopkins, Lori Harding, Wendy Holmes, Elizabeth Powell, Jill Crocker, Cathy Borden, and Linda Oakes) to become a member of a simple app (Group Me) to learn about additional communications from your GPC family to find out when others are meeting to play.



AND THE GOLDEN CROCKPOT GOES TO... SUSAN HURT!!





Congratulations to the 2024 GPC Chili Cook-Off Champion, Susan Hurt, and thanks to all of the entrants who made it an out of this world chili experience! Congratulations to all of the kids who entered a dessert! Special thanks to Foster Smith for her dessert judging expertise, Jeff Day for his skills in the art of magic, and to the Congregational Life Committee (CLC) for organizing, promoting, decorating, and pulling off this wonderful event on the heels of a snowstorm!





Friendship Circle

Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy fellowship, a Bible lesson, craft, game, or other activity. Bring a lunch.

Wednesday, February 14



ASH WEDNESDAY

Friendship Circle participants (and their caregivers) will be welcome to partake in the Imposition of Ashes for Ash Wednesday. Pastor Susie will attend Friendship Circle on February 7 to explain the meaning of the ceremony and will return on February 14 to deliver the ceremony to those who which to receive the Imposition of Ashes. (In this ceremony, ashes will be gently rubbed on your forehead to form a cross.)



AMPLify is BACK! Fridays, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, to create a joyful sound unto the Lord and to enjoy the camaraderie of making those joyful sounds together! Come and jam in the band! All are welcome – no musical experience necessary!



Brunch Bunch

Brunch Bunch returns Friday, February 23! Come join us for a delicious breakfast, a Bible-study lesson, crafts, games, exercise and fun! We look forward to serving you on Feb. 23 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in Warren Hall. Thank you to the amazing SONrise MENistries Men's Breakfast team for being great chefs and having hearts for hosting our special friends!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

It's that time of year again, where we spread a wave of joy across the Mid-south area by joining forces with other churches and nonprofit organizations to dazzle participants with the annual Memphis Joy Prom! Volunteer registration coming soon!

SAVE THE DATES

Please save these dates and times to help support Dress Fest and Memphis Joy Prom 2024. Volunteer Registration opens February 14th (link coming soon)



Dress Fest Setup, March 22 (Time = TBD)

Dress Fest Event (seamstresses needed*),

Dress Fest

March 23, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

*If you'd like to be a seamstress but don't have prior experience, please email MemphisJoyProm@gmail.com and ask for Antoinette Good.

Delivery of Grove Park goody bags, April 11

Seeking volunteers to create the bags (materials provided) Need 3 people to help deliver treats. Meet at Christ Church Memphis at 1:45 PM. (deliveries takes about 30 minutes)

Memphis Joy Prom, Saturday, April 19

5:00 p.m. Volunteer check-in, volunteer training immediately after check-in and before the event! Please be prompt!

6:30-9:30 p.m. Memphis Joy Prom – the Event

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

The PEACE ministry would like to recognize the dedicated Sunday School teachers who meet the faith formation needs of our special friends each weekend! **YOUTH Sunday School Teachers:** Mary K Grantham, Julie Lindow, Tricia Harris and

Becky Stanley. **ADULT Sunday School Teachers:** Helen Warren, (outgoing), Betsie Menendez Eddie Batey. **Incoming ADULT Sunday School Volunteers:** Randy Harris, Drayton Mayers, Don McCrory, and Patty Jackson.

WISHING A BIG GPC HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO ALL OUR MEMBERS BORN IN FEBRUARY

03	Shawn Raines
05	Suzanne Acuff
	Judy Nokes
06	Cecil Godman
	Mary K. Grantham
	Jim Simpson
	Jennifer Sims
07	Chris Acuff
	Becky Barton
	Linda Oakes
08	Abby Howell
09	Dixie Johnson
	Nancy Halter
10	Cheri Howle
	Donna Wilhite

11	Meredith Geyer
	Pat Plunk
12	Mary Heimlicher
	Walton Prest
13	Lea Buring
	Lalla Colmer
14	Spencer Harris
	Kelly Galyean
16	Bo Hormberg
	Leah Lumm
17	Keith Ellis Prest
18	Jeb Bailey
	Alice Kiser
19	Tommy Bruce
20	Lyndee Feinstone

	Carol Boals
22	Reed Brasfield
	Debbie Florendo
23	Stewart Carlin
	Mike Nelson
24	Alex Ivy
25	Beth Brock
26	David Paris
27	Gaye Pitts
	Tommy Trenor
	Martha Mayers
28	Donna Morley
	Wayne Tansil

Miss someone? Let us know at
901-754-5195 or comm@gpctn.org

DECEMBER FINANCIALS

GPC's General Fund

	<u>December 2023, month</u>		<u>December 2023, year-to-date</u>	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Receipts				
Offerings Received	\$ 425,177	\$ 193,200	\$ 2,527,593	\$ 2,147,223
Other Receipts	12,760	4,945	127,824	51,541
Total Receipts	437,937	198,145	2,655,417	2,198,764
Expenses				
	(195,690)	(173,814)	(2,262,225)	(2,044,766)
Net	\$ 242,247	\$ 24,331	\$ 393,192	\$ 153,998
Debt Balance - Education Bldg.				
	\$ 232,262			
Debt Balance - Poplar Pike				
	\$ 1,149,770			

The Christmas Eve offering was designated for our local missions. \$9,481.55 was collected and split among Rising Together Foundation, Binghampton Christian Academy, Memphis Athletic Ministries, and Room in the Inn.

ERNEST MELLOR LIBRARY GOALS FOR 2024

Help the library grow in resources • Increase congregational engagement • Be visible to all

STOP BY AND CHECK OUT THE 2024 MELLOR LIBRARY!

DID YOU KNOW?

You can search the Mellor Library for a book from home or any computer!

- » Go to www.gpctn.org
- » Go to NEWS & RESOURCES
- » Go to ERNEST MELLOR LIBRARY
- » Go to Search GPC Collection
- » Follow instructions on the left

MORE TO KNOW

There is a scrolling banner on the bottom right of the Search GPC Collection page highlighting our new books. You may click on any scrolling book and get a summary and a snapshot of that book.

If you search a specific book, you may also click on that book and read a summary of the book. Easy and fun way to do your own research and check out our library resources.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Bill Doole, Judy Nokes and Missy Gwin for their library expertise in receiving, cataloging, summarizing and shelving our new books.

BOOK DRIVE FOR BINGHAMPTON

It's that time of year for the Book Drive for Binghampton, who GPC supports in many ways. Last year, GPC gave over 1000 books for the Book Fair supporting the summer reading program for these children.

There will be a large box in the library for collecting new and very gently used book for children in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade. Collection will begin on Valentine's Day, February 14, and continue until April 15.

Let's surpass last year's donation of 1000 books!

Thank you Tamah Halfacre for this special connection between the Mellor Library and Binghampton School.

Don't wait to donate!

ANNUAL REPORT

Check out the GPC Annual Report for a summary of the 2023 Mellor Library year of activities and support of our spiritual development.

GPC KIDS

Be on the lookout for a special library event during Lent.

WISH LIST

Please check out the Wish List notebook for ways to support the library with a book donation in memory or honor of a special person. You may also make book suggestions in the notebook. The notebook is located on the chest to the right behind the door as you enter.

LIBRARY GIVING

Consider a monetary library donation to the library. Online, go to DONATE and select LIBRARY FUND. All monies are used to purchase books and to support the ongoing library enhancements.

ADULT CLASS BOOKS

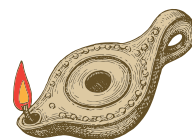
The Library is working with the Spiritual Formation Committee and Adult Education to provide additional resources in support of the curriculum being studied.

YOUTH AUCTION

The Library supported the Youth Auction with a basket of reading essentials. Many thanks to all who contributed.

QUESTIONS

Karen Jetton is the Director of the Mellor Library and can answer any question, David Jeter works with circulation and technology. Karen Fesmire promotes special events and writes communications. We are supported in ministry by staff member Mike Lyle.



**Ernest Mellor
Library**

DECEMBER HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

MUSIC FUND

In honor of...

Alex Bedford

Donnie & Linda Harris

Will & Susan Jones

Donnie & Linda Harris

Mr & Mrs Jack Losa

Donnie & Linda Harris

Mr. & Mrs Mike Lyle

Donnie & Linda Harris

Jerold Teachey & Jan Petri

Donnie & Linda Harris

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Sauer

Donnie & Linda Harris

Susie Carter Wiggins

Donnie & Linda Harris

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of...

Virginia Dickinson

Vern & Becky Barton

Barbara Greebon

William Billingsley

Rachel Gwin

Paul & Missy Gwin

Paige Jobe

Charles A. Cope

Greg Morgan

Kathy Boyd

Jackie Ruleman

Vern & Becky Barton

Fred & Diane Stearns

William & Sondra Fondren

MUSIC FUND

In memory of...

Mary Lucille Baughman

Donnie & Linda Harris

Scott Drannon

Donnie & Linda Harris

Judy Hobbs

Donnie & Linda Harris

Betty Joe (Betsy) Waterhouse

Donnie & Linda Harris

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER PROGRAM

Members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up.

FEBRUARY 4

Barbara & Bill Armstrong

Joyce & Gordon Cochran

Jeff Day & Kathy Kalagias (Addi, Kiki)

Sally & John Humphrey

(Campbell, Thomas)

Donna & Steve Morley

Courtney & Jay Page (Sarah)

Richard & Nancy Yeager

FEBRUARY 11

Barbara Beauford

Sondra Biggs

Katie & Ed Eleazer

Beverly Froelich

Meredith & Matt Mattila (Risto)

Darwyn Mitchell (Andrew, Stephen)

FEBRUARY 18

Ollie Ciabattini

Karen & Mark Cooper

(Johnathan Whited)

Dixie & Bob Johnson

Debbie & George Moseley

Betty Reschenberg

Dot Wieters

Sandy & Gerald Wilson

FEBRUARY 25

Lisa & Rob Clapper (Lily, James)

Sherry & Bud Hurley

(Jake, Julianne, Lauren)

Susan & Will Jones

(Grace, Lelia & Mary)

Shelby Montague & Jeff Winer

(Adelyn & Johnathan Winer)

Betsy & Noell Moseley

Agnes Thomas

Billie & Dan Work



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Sunday School: 9:40 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship

8:30 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Worship (onsite & online)

Sunday Evening Worship

5:00 p.m. (Evans Chapel)

Office hours: Mon-Fri

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

MEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, February 10

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

in the new house

Guest Speaker: Bill Boyd,
Director of the Oxford Lodge

Grief Ministry Support



2nd Thursday
February 8
5:00 p.m.
GPC Parlor

Germantown Career Support & Networking

Mondays, Feb. 12 & 26
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Chapel Community Room

Doors on west side unlock at 6 pm and relock at 6:50 pm.

Save the Date
NaCoMe

April 26-28, 2024
Registration Coming Soon



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

FOLLOWING ALL THREE SERVICES
GPC STUDENT MINISTRY WILL BE
COLLECTING CASH & CHANGE DONATIONS
FOR THE MID-SOUTH FOOD BANK.

6TH-12TH GRADERS, JOIN US FOR THE **STUDENT MINISTRY** **SUPER BOWL PARTY**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 5:00 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOMS
SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP AND
BRING YOUR FAVORITE APPETIZER.



THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, February 8 & 22
10 am • UL-216